

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 5075

Pennsylvania Democratic Party and

James Byrnes, as Treasurer

Dear Mr. Teti:

On August 28, 2000, the Federal Election Commission notified your clients, the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and James Byrnes, as Treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On September 25, 2001, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint and information provided in the response submitted, that there is no reason to believe the Pennsylvania Democratic Party and James Byrnes, as Treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441h and 441d. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter. A copy of the General Counsel's Report is enclosed for your information.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

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If you have any questions, please contact Mary L. Taksar, the attorney assigned to this matter at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Lawrence H. Norton General Counsel

Rhonda J. Vosdingh BY:

Acting Associate General Counsel

Enclosure

General Counsel's Report